

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for the Banister River, Winn Creek, and Terrible Creek watersheds in Halifax County. The Banister River and Winn Creek were first listed as impaired on Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria in 2008. Terrible Creek was first listed as impaired on the Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria in 2014. The streams have remained on the 303(d) list for these impairments since then.

The impaired segment of the Banister River extends 2.39 miles from the confluence of Wolf Trap Creek to the mouth on the Dan River. The impaired segment of Winn Creek extends 6.94 miles from the headwaters to the mouth on the Banister River. The impaired segment of Terrible Creek extends 4.77 miles from the confluence of Little Terrible Creek to the mouth on the Banister River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. In addition, Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires expeditious implementation of Total Maximum Daily Loads when appropriate. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. DEQ completed bacteria TMDLs for the Banister River and Winn Creek Watershed in May 2013. The TMDLs were approved by the Environmental Protection Agency on July 2013. The TMDL report is available on the DEQ website at: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDvelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx>

The Final Public Meeting will be held to finalize the development of this TMDL Implementation Plan:

- **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the Mary Bethune Administration Building Board Room ( 1030 Cowford Road, Halifax, VA 24558) VA)

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date is:

- **Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the Mary Bethune Administration Building Board Room ( 1030 Cowford Road, Halifax, VA 24558) VA)

The public comment period will begin on October 28, 2015 and will end on November 30, 2015. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Paula Nash, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg VA 24502, telephone (434) 582-6216 or e-mailed to [paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov).